

DEMOCRATIC HOSTS GATHER IN NATIONAL CONVENTION TODAY

"America First" and Harmony Mark The Great Event, and Delegates Enthusiastic

GLYNN MAKES A ROUSING KEYNOTE SPEECH AT OPENING

Bryan Given an Ovation—He Has No Fight to Make and Will Campaign For The Party—American Flags Everywhere—Dixie Received With a Roar.

(By Associated Press.) Coliseum, St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—With the keynote "Americanism and peace, preparedness and prosperity," the Democratic National convention began its first session shortly after noon today, with not a single element in sight to disturb the renomination of President Wilson and Vice President Marshall.

When National Chairman McCombs called the convention to order, 12,000 delegates, alternates and spectators packed the big coliseum. Members of the National committee, members of President Wilson's cabinet and party leaders had places on the platform. Plaster medallions of Washington, Jackson, Jefferson and Cleveland looked down on the delegates from the decorations, which consisted uniformly of nothing but American flags. The only picture in front of the speaker's desk, inscribed: "American First."

Vice Presidential booms, willed by President Wilson's direct word that he desired the renomination of Marshall, were brought to the convention hall, but only as favorite sons compliments.

When National Chairman McCombs had called the convention to order, the next business was reading of the call by Secretary J. Bruce Kremer, of the committee.

Former Governor Glynn, of New York, was taxed with the keynote speech.

Down under the speaker's stand direct telephone and telegraph wires to the White House carried momentary report of the proceedings in the hall.

No Chance of Fight. All prospect of a fight in the convention had gone glimmering over night, with William Jennings Bryan's announcement that he did not propose to press certain planks before the resolutions committee and that he would make campaign speeches for the Democratic nominees.

"We have entered this hall as Democrats; let us deliberate as Americans," declared Mr. Glynn in sounding the keynote.

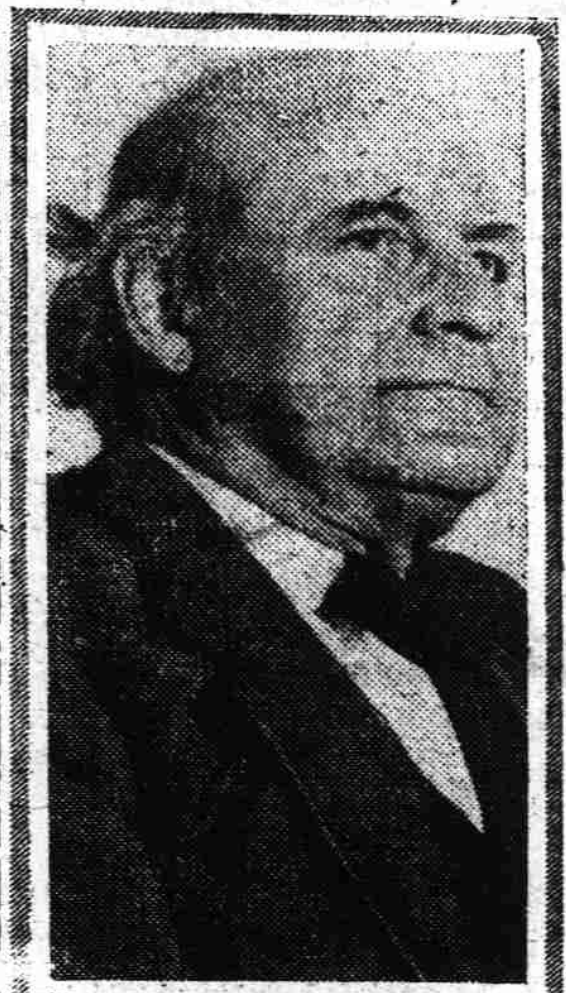
"It is the business of this convention, representing every section of the United States, speaking for every racial strain in America, to send forth a message to all the world that will leave no room for doubt."

Reviews Wilson's Work. Reviewing President Wilson's conduct of foreign affairs, he declared that the President had stood with Washington, Adams and Grant, who preserved peace with honor.

"For vain glory or for selfish purpose," he declared, "others may cry for a policy of blood and iron, but the President has acted on the belief that a leader of a big party who plunges his people into an unnecessary war is like Pontius Pilot and vainly washes his hands of innocent blood while earthquakes and heavens darken and thunders and give up the ghost."

"If Washington was right, if Jefferson was right, if Hamilton was right, then the President is right today," he declared.

READY TO FIGHT IN THE CAMPAIGN



WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN.

ment to a male quartet that sang a few songs about America through megaphones. The singing brought the first applause of the day.

"Dixie" brought a roar, interrupted by the Rebel yell.

William Jennings Bryan was given an ovation as he took his seat in the press section.

St. Louis, June 14.—"Wilson, Marshall and victory" in November is the program of the delegates who crowded into the big coliseum here today for the opening of the Democratic National Convention, and probably there was not one Democrat who went into the building who could recall when the National convention and the party had entered upon the work with more harmony than that which prevailed among more than one thousand delegates today.

The candidates for president and vice president have been decided upon and according to leaders there will be no friction over the party's declaration of principles.

Despite the expected cut and dried proceedings, which the party members hope to enliven with speeches by old campaigners at odd moments during the sessions, the sergeant-at-arms was prepared with a small army of assistants to handle large crowds at all sessions.

The plan for the opening day follows: Call of convention to order at noon by William G. McCombs, of New York, retiring chairman of the National committee.

Reading the list of temporary officers by J. Bruce Kremer, secretary of the National committee.

Opening prayer by Rev. James W. Lee, presiding elder of the St. Louis district of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Reading the list of temporary officers, already agreed on by the National committee.

Delivery of the keynote speech by the temporary chairman, Martin H. Glynn, of New York.

WILSON WANTS NO PETTY POLITICS

Sends This Word to National Convention About The Platform.

Washington, June 14.—A plank in the Democratic platform favoring a law to prohibit Federal Judges leaving the bench to acceptive offices was not countenanced by President Wilson.

Administration officials said today that President Wilson had sent word to St. Louis that he did not want any petty politics played.

UNABLE TO GIVE BIG BOND, JAILED

Caught in Down Town Store, Two Negroes Sent to High Court For Trial.

John Allen and Johnie Johnson, the two negroes that were nabbed red handed by the police in the store of Shrier & Solomon, at an early hour Tuesday morning, as they were about to get away with nearly a \$1,000 worth of clothing and etc., together with Richard Sampson, the colored porter at that store, who it is said let the robbers in, were sent to jail this morning by Recorder Empe in default of \$1,000 bonds to appear in the next term of Superior Court. The negroes are charged with store breaking.

Dewey Green, whom the negroes say was the third negro in the store, and who escaped the officers in their raid, has not yet been apprehended, although officers made a trip to Scott's Hill yesterday, where information given at the headquarters was to the effect that the negro had fled.

Dolphus Galloway, colored, was also sent to jail for trial in the Superior Court, on a charge of breaking into the home of Hattie Monroe, colored, No. 1609 Red Cross street, and stealing several articles. John Thomas, colored, was taxed with the costs for an assault on a female.

THE GOV. PLEASSED WITH HIS VISIT

Thinks That Fishermen of Eastern Section Standing By The Laws.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C., June 14.—Governor Craig, who spent a week with the fishermen and the fisheries and missed the St. Louis convention on that account, has returned to Raleigh and is pleased with the attitude of the Easterners toward the fish law.

Gov. Craig, Judges Brown and Allen of the Supreme Court and Commissioner M. L. Gibbs spent the week at Ocracoke, Hatteras, Manteo, Wanchese and Mattamuskeet. Governor Craig spoke to the fishermen at several places, met them at their work on the shores and banks of the east, and he found that the troubles of last year have been forgotten. He thinks that at Ocracoke especially the feeling toward the law is good and that in Manteo and Wanchese the sentiment for law enforcement is almost as strong. The Hatteras trouble has greatly subsided he thinks.

Governor Craig went to Mattamuskeet Lake and drove over the bed of that great bay of water in an automobile. Such has been the work of the great pump which removed the water from the bed that 50,000 acres of land formerly under water will eventually be cultivated and many thousands are now being worked. The entire lake will be dry before the close of the summer.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the University trustees work on the \$42,000 light, water and heat plant was ordered begun and the most urgent need of the University will be met as quickly as workmen can do their part.

This was provided for last year and when it is complete no college will

BREAK IN THE CONFERENCE NOW VERY NEAR

Railway Men and Officials Will Likely Stop Confab Today.

ROADS HAVE REFUSED EMPLOYES' PROPOSAL

That Is What It Amounts to and Assert It Is Now Up to The Men—Looks Like Break Must Come.

(By Associated Press.) New York, June 14.—Forced by W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of railroad trainmen into admitting that the demands of the 350,000 railroad men of the United States had been rejected the railroad managers of the convention called here to advert a general strike today declared that it was up to the men to decide whether they should continue the conference.

The union leaders, after stating that the railroads' counter proposition was not acceptable, decided to continue the conference but indicated that they expected to end it late today or tomorrow.

DID NOT DO MUCH GOOD AT ALL

But Due Notice Was Sent Out As to How State Stood As To Roosevelt.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, N. C. June 14.—North Carolina's board of elections spent \$15 in the effort to instruct the North Carolina Republican delegation for Roosevelt, but the leaders who have come back home could not see the point.

Before the delegation reached Chicago Colonel Wilson Lamb had placed a copy of the primary act in the hands of Chairman Warren Harding had sent Colonel Lamb's credentials properly stamped with the great seal of the State upon the certificate and had telegraphed the result of the vote in North Carolina which gave Roosevelt eight districts and the four delegates at large and Hughes the fifth and eighth districts.

In addition Colonel Lamb sent the returns to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt at Oyster Bay, the rage of that center of the universe paying no attention to the communication. The returns went also to the chairman of the North Carolina delegation, but that's the last heard from the North Carolina board of elections. The instructions were ignored.

The board had quite a pleasant little lot of correspondence with Senator Butler who found the Democratic primary rather convenient and used it in getting the Rooseveltian expression in the State. It is entirely probable that this episode will figure in the 1916 convention. The delegates did not feel bound by any instruction ordered by a Democratic primary act, but the Democrats are said to hope in the light of the recent primary to be able to repel the biennial accusation of boss-ridden party and heeler control.

James Y. Joyner Jr. who has been four years in China working with the British-American Tobacco Company, returned tonight for a visit to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. James Y. Joyner.

Young Joyner will be here sometime but has not decided what he will do. He may return to Changhai. This is his first visit to his parents since he left Raleigh in 1912.

Friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. John Scull, of No. 217 South Second street, who recently underwent an operation at the James Walker Memorial hospital recently, is now rapidly improving at his home. Mr. Scull was taken ill at Laurinburg, his former home.

have a better plant for the amount spent. The present one is wretchedly inadequate and a small accident could close the school.

The State officers all attended the funeral this afternoon of O. C. Cherry, seventeen years superintendent of building and grounds, whose death occurred suddenly Monday evening, followed by a day of work without serious complaint.

Mr. Cherry was 70 years old and a soldier who went through the last years of the war. He was greatly liked by all the men in the departments.

Mrs. S. A. Schloss and family have moved to their cottage, No. 607, on Wrightsville Beach.

LULL COMES IN FIGHTING ON THE VERDUN FRONT

But Russians Continue Hammer Away in Bukowina—Czernowitz Ready Fall

ITALIANS CHECK THE AUSTRIANS

Rome Reports The Onslaught Has Been Stopped—Woman Killed In Seaplane Raid on Venice.

There is a momentary lull in the desperate infantry fighting that has been going on for several days northeast of Verdun. Preparations for further assaults on the French defenses are in progress, however, Paris today reporting a violent bombardment in the Vaux sector.

The anticipated effort of the Germans to make further advance there is expected to be facilitated by the headway made in the recent ousting of the French from their command of Hill No. 321. In the Southern Tyrol the Austrians are now encountering resistance they are unable to break down, according to the Rome war office, which officially reports today the failure of a series of assaults on Italian positions along the Posina line. Elsewhere there are no Austrian attacks, but the whole Italian front has been subjected to severe bombardment.

Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina, is apparently on the eve of falling into Russian hands in the course of the widespread movement. The Russians are reported to have cut the railway running north from the city, thus severing Austrian communication, and Russian cavalry is said to have reached a point 20 miles beyond.

One woman was killed and four civilians injured in Monday night's raid by Austrian seaplanes on Venice. Rome declares the property damage was slight.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 14.—An Austrian attack along the line of Posina, in the Southern Tyrol was made after intensive artillery preparedness on Monday night. They were, however, repulsed by the Italians, the war office announced today.

TO MAKE THEM WORK ROADS

(Special to The Dispatch.)

New Bern, N. C., June 14.—"You report at the county home tomorrow morning." This has been the ultimatum handed a number of local citizens who have not paid their poll tax by Sheriff R. B. Lane who is now engaged in making a final round before giving up all efforts to secure the tax.

Quite a number of the white residents of the city have failed to come across with the tax necessary and they will be allowed to work it out on the county roads.

Just how many of these will be on hand to start work early in the morning is a matter of doubt but those who are summoned and who do not put in their appearance will be placed under arrest later in the day and the processes of law will be started against them.

During the course of the next few days the promoters of New Bern's new country club will hold a meeting at which time arrangements will be made for selling the stock in this organization.

There will be twenty thousand dollars worth of this stock sold and Dr. A. R. Perkins, who is the representative in this section for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, will have charge of the place.

Mr. Perkins has been given assurance that he will be given the support of the business men of New Bern in this matter and is of the opinion that the stock will easily be placed.

THOUSANDS OF SUFFRAGETTES ON HAND

(By United Press.)

WITH SMILING FACE WILSON HEADS PARADE

President of United States Shouldered Flag In Preparedness Procession.

THE BILL WOULD FORCE SERVICE

Discussion Opens Today On The Universal Military Training Measure.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 14.—Discussion of the new universal military training and service bill to be presented to Congress soon will begin at noon today. It provides that all male citizens shall enlist for six months in a military training camp beginning at eighteen years of age and, in time of war, these trained men might be called into the service, and classed according to age beginning with the youngest.

The bill will be proposed as a substitute for the penalty of the chamberlain universal training bill, which provides for a period of varied training for those over ten years between the ages of thirteen and 23.

A vigorous campaign will be made for the passage of this measure at this session of Congress. It is said. The only exceptions from training will be when a young man is physically or otherwise unfit, and for those who are members of a permanent military or naval force.

A system of penalty is to be provided for men who are over eighteen and fail to pass through training. They will be barred from holding any position in the Federal government and in case they leave the country to escape service they will be forced to enter on their return. The proposed measure calls for the establishment of a large number of training camps.

(By Associated Press.) St. Louis, Mo., June 14.—The Democratic National Committee has adopted a design for a campaign button suggested by National Committeeman McLean, of North Carolina.

It bears a picture of President Wilson with the motto "America First" in bold red letters.

The North Carolina delegates are urging appointment of Edward E. Britton, of Raleigh, for permanent secretary of the convention. He held this place four years ago.

(By Associated Press.) Charlotte, N. C., June 14.—In expressing her thanks for the return of a package which she had left upon one of the Tidewater Power Company's cars, Mrs. Ethel Thomas, of Charlotte, department editor of the Mill News, writes as follows: "When attending the meeting of the Press Association in your city last summer, I was particularly impressed with splendid service of the street car company and the courtesy of the conductors and motormen. The prompt attention in answer to my appeal strengthens that good impression and gratifies me very much."

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ENJOYED THE TRAMP LIKE ANY OF THEM

Proudly Leading Thousands He Is Cheered Along The Line of March—Reviewed The Procession at the White House.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, June 14.—Lead by President Wilson, carrying the stars and stripes, nearly seventy five thousand men, women and children of Washington marched up Pennsylvania Avenue today in the preparedness parade arranged to enforce the marchers' demand for an adequate army and navy.

The President was attired in white trousers, blue coat and a straw hat and shouldered his flag like a musketeer, stepping lively to the martial airs played by the United States Marine Band. He smiled broadly and waved his hat in response to cheers as he marched along between two District citizens, escorted by Secretary Tumulty, White House employees, and the White House naval corps.

In front of the White House, the President left the line of march and took his place in the stand to review the parade. Here he was joined by Mrs. Wilson and all the members of the cabinet now in the city.

TO INVESTIGATE SPRINGS' FIRE

State Department Asked to Sink The Probe—Sub Text Commission Meets.

(Special to The Dispatch.) Raleigh, June 14.—Deputy Insurance Commissioner W. A. Scott has been asked to investigate the Fuquay Springs fire which Tuesday morning brought a damage of \$50,000 to the tobacco town twenty miles from Raleigh.

Every evidence is incendiary, Fuquay people here today declare. The blaze burst out in the early morning hours but when seen two distinct sections of the first building fired were observable and the blaze traveled, it is said, as oil appeared to have led the way. Many stories of interest in the fire are told but no names have been given to any officer.

The insurance on nearly all the property was woefully inadequate and some individuals carried none at all. An almost prohibitive rate is necessary for the companies because of a poor fire protection. When the big warehouse caught there was no salvation.

The Fuquay Springs Drug Company, the Fuquay Hardware Company, Metz and Isaacson, C. H. Reeves, Dr. C. L. Cheek, Dr. J. R. Edwards and A. J. Fletcher were all losers. Mr. Fletcher is the only attorney in the town and had accumulated a law library worth \$1,500. He had no insurance and the doctors suffered about as badly.

The postoffice barely missed destruction and across the street from the fire the Fuquay Bank lost its big plate glass windows from the fierce heat. The fire broke out in the densest business section and almost destroyed it. The insurance is perhaps forty percent of the losses.

The sub textbook commission which will aid in the selection of books to be used by North Carolina for the next five years, met yesterday and began its work.

The commission was appointed Monday evening. It is composed of S. B. Underwood superintendent of the Pitts schools, W. H. Higgs, superintendent of Buncombe; P. J. Long superintendent of Northampton; B. B. Dougherty, superintendent of the Appalachian Training school; A. T. Allen, superintendent of the Salisbury schools and Miss Hattie M. Parrott, primary supervisor of Lenoir, Kinost schools assistant county superintendent and former president of the Primary Teachers' Association.

New York, June 14.—Two families well known in political circles were united in the marriage of Miss Eleanor Walsh and Charles M. Egan, which took place this afternoon in the Church of Our Lady Angels, in Brooklyn. The bride is the daughter of the late Congressman James J. Walsh, who was prominent in Tammany Hall and for years a district leader in Harlem. The bridegroom was formerly the majority leader in the New Jersey assembly and is now a member of the State Senate.